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A HEALTH MOVEMENT INAUGURATED AMONG THE NEGRO POPULATION OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

Prof. Ch. W. Stiles reports August 8, 1911:

A public-health movement has been inaugurated in Wilmington, N. C., among the colored population, a good roads and health association having been formed among them. After conference with the health officer it was decided to hold health rallies at the various negro churches Sunday afternoons. The speakers for the first meeting were the mayor, one of the members of the city council, the health officer, and Prof. Stiles. There were possibly 800 to 1,000 negroes present, and considerable interest was manifested.

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS
PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HYGIENE.**

[Adopted since Jan. 1, 1910.]

SALEM, MASS.

ICE CREAM—SALE OF.

REG. 60. No person shall sell or offer for sale in the city of Salem any ice cream, or preparation similar thereto, until the place of manufacture of the same, the utensils and receptacles used, and the wagon or other means of carrying the same shall have been examined by an inspector of the board of health. Such inspector, when satisfied as to the cleanliness of all articles used, shall provide such person with his certificate to that effect.

Inspectors shall examine all articles used in the business as often as they may deem necessary, and whenever an inspector shall certify that proper cleanliness is not observed, either in the place of manufacture, in the implements, materials, or manner of making ice cream, etc., or in the manner of carrying or selling the same, no further sales of such ice cream shall be allowed until the objectionable features are removed and the inspector so certifies. [Regulation board of health, adopted Mar. 22, 1910.]

GARBAGE, REFUSE, OFFAL—DISPOSAL OF.

REG. 29. No person, other than employees of the city engaged in public work, shall remove, cart, or carry through any of the streets, lanes, or alleys of the city the contents of any vault or privy, any refuse, swill, offal, or filth of any kind, ashes excepted, from any of the dwelling houses, grounds, or other places in any cart, wagon, truck, handcart, or other vehicle unless such person so removing, together with the cart, shall be duly licensed for that employment and purpose by the board of health, upon such terms and conditions as they shall deem the health, comfort, convenience, or interest of the city require.

REG. 30. The licenses referred to in regulation 29 shall terminate on the 1st day of April in each year. They shall be upon the following conditions, viz, that—

1. All vehicles and vessels used by the licensee in such business shall be so constructed and maintained as to prevent the escape of any of their contents and shall be kept tightly covered. All such vehicles and vessels shall be at all times subject to inspection by the board of health and its officers.

2. Every such vehicle shall have the initials of the owner and number of the license, in letters and figures 2 inches in height, painted on the outside of each side.

3. When the holder of the license discontinues the business for which it is granted, he shall return his license to this office.

4. This license is revocable by the board of health at any time. [Regulation board of health, adopted Mar. 22, 1910.]

PLUMBING—HOUSE DRAINAGE—CESSPOOLS—PRIVY VAULTS.

REG. 31. The house drain and other pipes for the conveyance of sewage shall be laid with uniform grade and with a fall of not less than 1 inch in 4 feet. Such drains and pipes shall in material and workmanship be in accordance with the laws and ordinances relating to plumbing, and shall be reconstructed whenever in the opinion of the board of health this may be necessary.

REG. 32. The owner, agent, or occupant of any tenement used as a dwelling house, or of any other building with which there is a privy connected and used, shall furnish the same with a sufficient drain, and unless said drain be connected with a common sewer, a cesspool underground to carry off the waste water, and also with a suitable privy, the vault of which shall be sunk under ground, and built in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and of a capacity proportionate to the number of inhabitants of such house or building; and all such inhabitants shall have the unrestricted use of such a drain, cesspool, privy, and vault. No person shall connect any privy or water-closet with any drain discharging into a main drain or common sewer, except under direction of the board of health.

REG. 32. If the board of health shall at any time be satisfied that any dwelling house or building mentioned in the preceding section is not provided with a suitable drain, cesspool, privy, or vault, as aforesaid, they shall give notice in writing to the owner, agent, or occupant, or other person having the care thereof; or in case neither the owner, agent, nor person having the care thereof is an inhabitant of the city, public notice in two newspapers, printed in Salem, requiring such owner, agent, occupant, or other person, within such time as they shall appoint to cause a proper and sufficient drain, cesspool, privy, and vault, or either of them, to be constructed for such house or building, to be common and subject to the use of all the inhabitants thereof; and in case of neglect or refusal to obey such notice, the board of health shall cause such drain, cesspool, privy, or vault to be made for such dwelling house or building at the expense of such owner, agent, occupant, or other person.

REG. 34. All vaults hereafter built shall be so constructed that the inside of the same shall be at least 2 feet distant from the line of every adjoining lot, unless the owner of said adjoining lot shall otherwise agree and consent, in writing (such consent to be filed in the office of the board of health), and at the same distance from every street, lane, alley, court, square, or public place, or public or private passageway; and they shall be so constructed as to be conveniently approached, opened, and cleansed. Every vault shall be made tight; and whenever any drain, cesspool, vault, or privy shall become offensive, the same shall be cleansed, and the owner, agent, occupant, or any other person having charge of the land in which any drain, cesspool, vault, or privy is situated, the condition of which is in violation of the provisions of this regulation, shall cause the same to be removed, cleansed, altered, amended, or repaired, within such reasonable time after notice in writing to that effect, given by the board of health, as shall be expressed in such notice; and in case of neglect or refusal to do so the board of health may cause the same to be removed, cleansed, altered, amended, or repaired, as they may deem expedient, at the expense of the owner, agent, occupant, or other person, as aforesaid.

REG. 35. No cesspool or privy vaults shall be emptied without a permit from the board of health. The owner, occupant, or person in charge of the premises whereon any privy vault is situated shall have such vault thoroughly and completely emptied at least once each year, at his own expense. The entire contents of each privy, vault, and cesspool shall be removed, and such privy, vault, or cesspool shall immediately thereafter be properly deodorized. Orders for the emptying of such vaults shall be left at the office of the board of health at the city hall.

REG. 36. No person without a permit first obtained from the board of health, shall drive or cause to be driven any cart or wagon containing night soil, or any wagon or cart used for that purpose, through any street, lane, or alley in this city, nor permit any such wagon or cart to stand in any street, lane, or alley in the city. [Regulation, board of health, adopted Mar. 22, 1910.]

STABLES—REGULATION OF.

REG. 37. The owners and occupants of livery and other stables within the city shall not wash or clean their carriages or horses in the streets or public ways of this city or permit them to be so washed or cleaned. They shall keep their stables and yards clean, and not allow more than three cords of manure to accumulate or remain upon their premises at any one time, and no manure shall be allowed to remain uncovered out of the stable building, nor permit the stable or grounds connected therewith to be foul or unclean.

REG. 38. Manure shall not be loaded upon or across any passageway or sidewalk, except in stables heretofore constructed from which it is impossible to load it otherwise, and in such cases the passageway or sidewalk shall be thoroughly cleaned and swept immediately after such loading. Manure shall only be removed in a tight vehicle. [Regulation board of health, adopted Mar. 22, 1910.]